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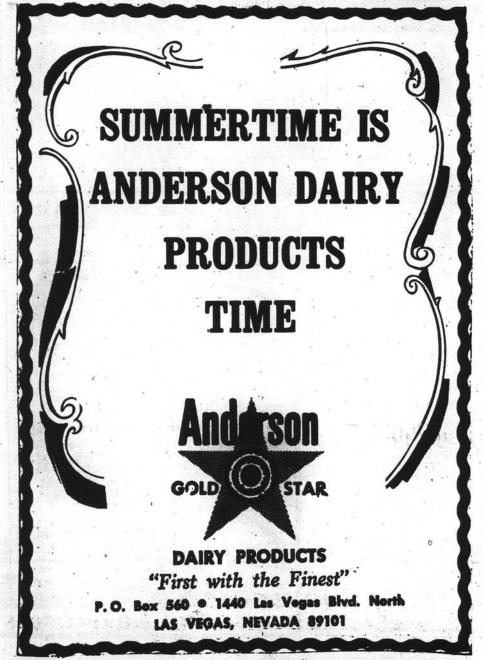
"IT'S THAT LONG" says Houston Hall, 7, as he describes a snake at the Reptile Institute on Boulder Highway to fellow students (from left) Richard Thomas, 8, Kevin Johnson, 7, James Fagan, 9, and Roberta Turman, 8. The students are enrolled in a special summer program at Kit Carson Elementary School emphasizing an experience-oriented approach to reading instruction.

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## **NARC Nominees Named**

Employers with wisdom, understanding and foresight that led them to the hiring of the mentally retarded, have been selected here by the Clark County Association for Retarded Children as nominees for the Employer of the Year Award of the National Association for Retarded Children. The announcement of Operation Independence, Western Laundry & Linen Rental Company, and the Phillips 66 Car Wash and their presidents as the choices, was made today by Huedillard P. Fitzgerald, chairman of the nominating committee for Employer of the Year.

Throughout the country during May and June, the more than 1,450 NARC local and state member associations, of which the Clark County Association for Retarded Children is one, have been canvassing their communities for eligible employers for the national award. Their nominations will be screened and the award winner chosen by a selection committee of the national group.

In order to qualify for nomination, an employer must have employed the mentally retarded on a full -time basis, paid them prevailing wages and understood their special needs, abilities and skills.

Meeting all these criteria are;
Western Laundry & Linen Rental Company
Operation Independence

Phillips 66 Car Wash
The NARC Employer of the Year Award will
be presented at NARC's national convention
in Minneapolis, in October.

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Spaces Council.

"All these are yes-or-no questions, so there is no way the candidates can avoid committing themselves one way or the other," said Whitmeyer. "Of course all the candidates may not tell the truth, but at least they will be on record."

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Members of CDE include: Ecology action for Southern Nevada, League of Women Voters of Las Vegas Valley, Clark County PTA Area Council, Nevada Open Spaces Council and Nevada Wildlife Federation.

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Natasha Wist, Psychologist, Mrs. Ruth Yost, Teacher-aide for the music department and many others.

Parents working with teachers in preparing colorful costumes, refreshments and supervising the children are: Yvonne Carraway, Margaret Crawford, Marge Cochran, Herbert Freeman, Rual Gonzales, Lorrayne Hall, Jacqueline Hoggard, June McEnroe, Delores Musgrave, Trudy Nelson, Annie Norwood, Albia Nuhn, Joyce Ostrowski LaNeal Rayford, Bonnie Ruester, Bill Thomas, Shirley Williams, Dorothy Wilson and Jaunita Elliot.

The entire community is invited to attend this multi-ethnic musical treat.

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# SBA Seeks To Expand Guaranteed Loans

WASHINGTON, D.C.
The Small Business
Administration, seeking ways to make it
easier for small firms
to obtain financing
through SBA-guaranteed bank loans, is
cutting back drastically on the paperwork
required of participating banks.

SBA Administrator Hilary Sandoval, Jr. has ordered the elimination of much of the paperwork required of banks in reporting to SBA on the status of loans SBA has guaranteed.

"Increased bank participation on SBA's loan guaranty plan is needed to provide the financing small firms must have to grow and prosper," Sandoval said. "one way of achieving this is by eliminating as much paperwork as we can."

Sandoval said that previously banks making loans guaranteed by SBA were required to make individual reports on each loan four times a year.

beginning in July participating banks will make only two reports a year—in November and May—and the reporting form has been consolidated so that a bank can list as many as eight individual loans on each sheet.

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Also,SBA will issue consolidated bills for the payment of loan guaranty fees, rather than billing the bank separetely for each guaranteed loan.

Under SBA's loan guaranty plan, SBA can guarantee the payment of bank loans to small firms up to 90 percent of the loan, providing it does not exceed SBA's lending limit of \$350,000 on individual loans. For this guarantee banks pay SBA a fee of 1/4 of one percent a year on the amount guaranteed. The fee will be computed on the basis of the average of loan balance outstanding at the beginning and end of the semi-annual periods.

Sandoval said that the change in regulations regarding the reporting on SBA guaranteed loans is only part of his continuing drive to simplify operations and eliminate waste and duplication.

He has named an SBA committee to review all SBA forms (SEE S.B.A., page 9)